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SUBJECT: MUR 7235 (Utah Republican Party) Withdrawal from Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation

This Memorandum informs the Commission that we are ending pre-probable cause conciliation negotiations with Respondents and proceeding to probable cause briefing. This case is based on an Audit referral from the 2012 cycle and a RAD referral from the 2014 cycle. On April 20, 2017, the Commission found reason to believe that the Utah Republican Party and Abram Young in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee") accepted prohibited and excessive contributions, misreported debts and obligations, and failed to maintain monthly employment logs. The Commission authorized pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a conciliation agreement.

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Accordingly, we are ending pre-probable cause conciliation and proceeding to the next stage of the enforcement process. We intend to serve Respondents with a General Counsel's brief very soon. Given that the majority of the violations are from the 2012 election cycle audit, there are statute of limitations concerns. The next violation to be barred by the statute of limitations is a \$5,000 prohibited contribution on October 3, 2017.⁴ We expect to complete the enforcement process before the next violation expires on December 16, 2017.

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See First GCR at 9.